

THE HERALD

LISTENING TO GOD'S HEART FROM THE HEART OF THE CITY



Transitions

“And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

Luke 24:49

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

On this particular day, I started by spending some time in devotions and prayer, followed by picking up sticks in the yard, followed by folding laundry, all before coming into the office. As I was folding laundry, I noticed that I was putting away a sweater I had washed after wearing it last week. Today, the high is supposed to be 81. What a difference a week makes in the transition of seasons.

Transitions happen all around us, all the time. We transition jobs; marriage and divorce are times of transition; the birth of children, empty nests, and retirement are all transitions; grief and loss at the death of spouses, parents, or other loved ones are deep transitions. Even trading in cars and getting used to the new vehicle's quirks is a time of transition. Soon, kids will transition from school to summer activities, and then back again, along with a new grade, or a new school. Transitions are constant in our lives.

We've been journeying through Eastertide, and this month we'll be approaching the ascension of Jesus, as well as Pentecost. In Luke's gospel, we find some advice from Jesus to his disciples about how they handle transitions. During these 50 days of Easter, Jesus has appeared to his disciples many times, and toward the close of his time on earth, he gathers with the disciples and completes his teaching by saying this: "And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." (Luke 24:49)

Somehow, Jesus knew that the disciples were struggling with the transition. They'd had a hard time understanding his teaching; even after he appeared to them following the resurrection, there was probably still some doubt and fear. Where would they go next? What would happen to them? What would they do? When Jesus speaks these words, he is reminding them that even in this time of transition, they will draw strength and hope from the gift of the Holy Spirit.

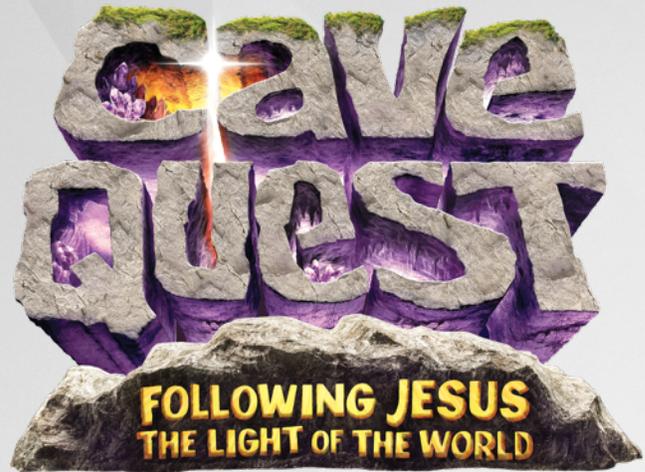
Whatever transition you're facing right now, know that the gift of the Holy Spirit is available to you. There is guidance, sustenance, strength, power, peace, and so much more provided to us through the power of the Holy Spirit working in our lives. As you read these pages this month, think about how the Spirit is at work in the lives of people preparing for major transitions, for ministries that transition from school year to summer, and how the Holy Spirit empowers you for the work of ministry.

Grace and peace,

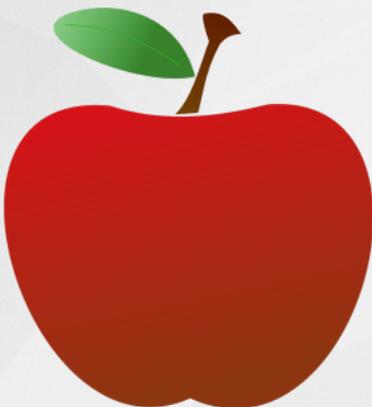
Pastor Jay

SUMMER MINISTRY TRANSITIONS

Our last day for Kids' Club this school year is May 18, and the kids will be going to SkyZone and CiCi's Pizza in Evansville for a fun evening. We transition from that weekly children's ministry to Vacation Bible School, which is being held in June this year. We'll gather at the city park each Wednesday from 9:00-11:00 am at the Shriner's shelter (June 1, 8, 15, and 22), and on June 29, we will have a private pool party for VBS kids at the city pool (same time). We have a number of volunteers already signed up at the welcome center, but if you'd be interested in serving as an age-group guide, please sign up there! We're really excited to go on a cave quest together!



Youth ministry also has several transitions happening. Our last official UMYF event is on Sunday, May 1, beginning at 5:30 pm. We'll be going to Ron and Becky Veenstra's cabin at Lake Walton for a cookout, boating, fishing, swimming, etc. We hope all of our 6th-12th graders and their families will make an effort to come. We'll also begin a transition in youth ministry in May, where we'll begin some weekly small groups for our middle school and high school youth. Mark your calendars for May 4, 11, and 18 at 6:30 am. We'll meet at the church for breakfast (provided), and then split into middle school and high school groups for some Bible study and discussion. Depending upon the success of these small group studies in May, we may transition to this model as our major way of providing youth ministry for the 2016-2017 school year.



The NOW program also begins a summer transition this month! We'll send food home for the last time on May 19th. However, we'll begin to serve lunches at City and Washington Parks every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, beginning May 31. Those weekly lunches will go through August 4, and will be available from 10:45-11:45 am on those days. This year, the Elks Club is partnering with us in providing food. Information on how to volunteer will be available soon, so you'll want to be a part of this transition as we continue to provide food for District #2 children.

NATURAL TRANSITIONS

High School Graduates

Avery DeDoming



This fall, Avery will be attending the University of Northwestern Ohio, in Lima, Ohio. He will be pursuing an Associate Degree in Automotive/ High Performance technology, as well as a Baccalaureate Degree in Automotive Technology Supervision. While there, he plans to join the Autocross Club and try out for a

position on their Motorsports Team, either drag racing or dirt track racing. His hopes is to be able to intern with a professional racing team and gain a career in the high performance motorsport industry.

Allison McGahey



Allison McGahey has chosen to attend Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) to major in event planning. In that field, there are so many options and different directions to go with companies, businesses, and sports teams in Indianapolis. It would be Allison's dream to work with a children's program for a museum or sports team.

Mark Harbison



Mark Harbison will graduate from Robinson High School as one of the Valedictorians this month. He plans to continue pursuing his interests in math and science by attending

Purdue University, his Dad's alma mater, in the Fall. He has been accepted into the College of Engineering and will be majoring in Chemical Engineering.

Henry Treadway



Henry Treadway is the son of Lori Treadway and Tony and Christy Treadway, and the grandson of Guy and Shirley Treadway and Joe and

Rhea Hayden. Henry will be attending the University of Illinois at Springfield, and will major in political science.

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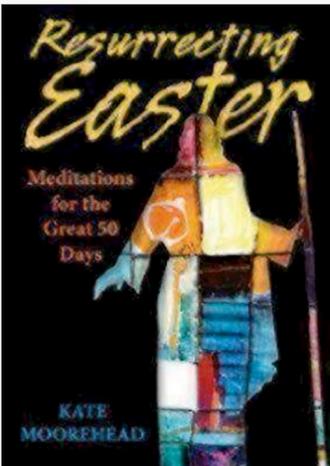
Caroline Vermilya

Caroline Verily is enlisted in the United States Army Reserve and will be leaving for basic training on July 6, 2016 and heading to Fort Leonard Wood. After she gets back from basic and AIT, She will begin school at Purdue University for the Spring 2017 semester. Her major is Biology, and she plans to continue with medical school as a graduate of Purdue.

The Church Library would like to highlight its May addition: *Resurrecting Easter: Meditations for the Great 50 Days*

As seen and mentioned in Rev. Jay's sermon on April 17th, "Short daily readings offer more seasonally-appropriate material for those accustomed to a Lenten practice. American Christians have forgotten the Easter season. We celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus on one day and then return to ordinary time. But

Christ appeared over and over again for forty days in resurrected form. We cannot sustain this resurrection season because that kind of sustained joy overwhelms us. This book is designed to help us sustain Easter."



Just One

Our May "Just One" collection item is colored pencils. You can place your purchased items in the container outside the church office. Thank you for your assistance in helping us be fully prepared for the NOW Kids' Shopping Day, which is coming up in August.

2nd Wednesday Dinner

Our May 2nd Wednesday Dinner is on May 11th at 5:30 pm. Our youth will be serving the meal that evening as a fundraiser for their summer mission trip. Since it's so close to Cinco De Mayo, Mexican food will be on the menu, which includes tacos, cheese enchiladas, rice, beans, and dessert (provided by youth parents). The cost is \$8 for adults and \$3 for children, and you can sign up at the welcome center through May 8th. (Youth, please plan to help with food prep on May 10th and May 11th at 4:00 pm).

Bells in Motion

Springfield, IL-based "Bells in Motion" will be having their spring concert in our sanctuary on Sunday, May 1 at 4:00 pm. Tickets are \$10 and are available at the door only. Please consider coming to hear some really fun, energetic music – and invite someone to come with you!

MAY

BIRTHDAYS

- 5/2 Gary Oxford, Jr; Mary Truitt, Henry Treadway
5/3 Sydney Jones
5/4 Patience Regennitter
5/5 Melissa Newbold
5/6 Cohlson Fearday
5/7 Valerie Vermilya
5/8 Libbi Fearday
5/10 Lillian Bertram, Garrett Graham, Susan Sills,
Chance Harmon
5/11 Ann Pfeiffer
5/12 John Schmidlin
5/13 Margaret Conner, Daniel Vermilya
5/14 Avery DeDoming, Gerald Gordy,
Jay Steinmann, Deanna Watson
5/15 Ron Veenstra
5/17 Jeannie Bibby, Gary Null
5/19 Amy DeDoming, Juanita Fox
5/23 Mary C Correll, Sue Roales,
5/25 Tim Thompson
5/26 Keith Carter, Madelyn Storckman,
Lynn McCord,
5/27 Shannon Goebel
5/29 David Foote
5/30 John Gifford, Kwyn Goebel
5/31 Eve Diel, Paul Johnson

ANNIVERSARIES

- 5/6 John & Martha Markello
5/20 Dennis & Susan Inboden
5/21 Mike & Pam Bell
5/29 Garrett & Brenda Graham, Jerry & Lori Crozier
5/31 Fred & Tancy Finkbiner, Ernie & Sue Roales,
Shannon & Kurtis Goebel

PRAYER CONCERNS

Peg, John, Jeremy, and Greg Markello; Ken Martin; Carol Wolf; Lois McConnell; Carl and Helen Blanton; Judy Wilson Wall; Kathy Harbison and family; Stewart family; Margaret Talley; Ashley and Ashlynn Griffith; Marilyn Musgrave; Sherell Oxford; the family of Jim Bradbury; Michael Brady; Elaine Siler; Nancy Young; Amy DeDoming; Susan Rodgers; Barb Ross and her family; The family of Bea Brinkman; Tammy Spour; Jennifer Boatman; Susan Rodgers and family; Charley Clark; The family of Dema Rich; The family of Bob Gifford

Dear FUMC Family,

We want to thank you very much for your prayers through this time of my mother's passing. It has been our faith in Jesus Christ and the support of friends like you that has gotten us through this time.

Full in Christ,

Kathy, Greg, Mark & Leah Harbison

To Pastor Jay and friends at FUMC,

Thank you for your expressions of sympathy when my father passed away. It was a comfort to receive your caring thoughts.

Sincerely,

Anita Kocher

MAY 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 8:30 am Kids rehearse 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 11 am Chancel Choir rehearsal 4:00 pm Bells in Motion concert 5:30 pm Youth Lake Party at the Veenstra's</p>	<p>2 9:30 am Chrismon Ladies</p>	<p>3 6:00 pm Disciple II</p>	<p>4 6:30 am Youth breakfast 3:00 pm Kids' Club</p>	<p>5 9:30 am Disciple II 4:30 pm NOW bagging 6:00 pm Jail Ministry</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 & 11 am Chancel Choir 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 2:30 pm Heritage Health service</p>	<p>9 9:30 am Chrismon Ladies</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 6:30 am Youth breakfast 3:00 pm Kids' Club 5:30 pm Second Wednesday Dinner 6:30 pm Worship Committee Meeting</p>	<p>12 9:30 am Disciple II 4:30 pm NOW bagging 6:00 pm Jail Ministry</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 8:30 am Kids rehearse 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 11:00 am Chancel Choir rehearsal 1:00 pm Spiritual Gifts workshop</p>	<p>16 9:30 am Chrismon Ladies</p>	<p>17 6:00 pm Disciple II</p>	<p>18 6:30 am Youth breakfast 3:00 pm Kids' Club trip to Skyline and Cici's Pizza</p>	<p>19 4:30 pm NOW bagging 6:00 pm Jail Ministry 6:00 pm Lay Leadership Meeting 7:15 pm Education Committee meeting</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 9:00 am Youth Sunday Worship Service 10:15 am Sunday School 11:00 am Chancel Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>23 9:30 am Chrismon Ladies</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 5:30 pm Trustees meeting</p>	<p>26 6:00 pm Jail Ministry</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 8:00 am Chancel Choir rehearsal 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School</p>	<p>30 MEMORIAL DAY - OFFICES CLOSED</p>	<p>31 10:45 am NOW Lunch in the park</p>				

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